

Docket No.: 050023-0153



PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of : Customer Number: 20277
Naoki TAKAHASHI, et al. : Confirmation Number: 9518
Application No.: 09/970,084 : Group Art Unit: 2626
Filed: October 04, 2001 : Examiner: Charlotte Baker
For: IMAGE READING APPARATUS AND PROCESSING APPARATUS

STATUS INQUIRY

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Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

The above-identified application was filed on October 4, 2001. Since more than three years have elapsed since that date, and no action has been received by attorney for applicant, Applicant respectfully requests that the undersigned attorney be informed of the status of the referenced application. It is noted that the Official Gazette indicates applications filed on or before February 18, 2002 in the above-assigned group art unit should have received an action on the merits.

Respectfully submitted,

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